

SENATE BILL 2739

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the Town of Mason.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 3 by deleting the following language:

fails to attend any meetings of the Board for a period of ninety (90) days

and substituting instead the following:

fails to attend four (4) regularly scheduled Board, Special Call, or Committee meetings in a calendar year

SECTION 2. Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 5 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 5. All persons who are qualified to vote for members of the general assembly in the state and who meet the residency requirements of the general law and have registered to vote in accordance with general law as a resident of the Town of Mason and not having established a valid voter registration in any other jurisdiction shall be entitled to vote in such municipal elections.

SECTION 3. Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 12 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 12. The Town government shall be organized into such departments and offices as shall be provided by ordinance. The Mayor may determine by executive action the functions and duties of all departments and offices. The Mayor may establish, abolish, merge, or consolidate offices, positions of employment, and departments; may

provide that the same person shall fill any number of offices and positions of employment; and may transfer or change the functions and duties of offices, positions of employment, and departments.

The appointment and promotion of employees of the Town of Mason shall be on a basis of merit, considering technical knowledge required to perform satisfactorily the work, experience in the particular or similar line of work, and administrative or supervisory qualifications.

The Mayor shall establish a system of personnel administration to provide for the appointment of all employees of the Town of Mason.

The Mayor with ratification of the majority of the Board shall appoint the Town Attorney, department heads, and such other positions as the Mayor shall deem necessary for the proper and efficient administration of government for the Town of Mason.

SECTION 4. Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 14 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 14. Mayor's duties.

(1) The Mayor, as a member of the board, may make motions and shall have a vote on all matters coming before the board.

(2) The Mayor shall have general supervision of all the employees of the Town of Mason and see that the ordinances and provisions of the charter are observed.

(3) The Mayor shall devote the Mayor's entire time and attention to the duties of the office.

SECTION 5. Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by adding the following new Section 19:

SECTION 19. An ordinance shall be considered and adopted on two (2) separate days; any other form of board action shall be considered and adopted in one (1) day. An ordinance shall be effective upon final passage unless by its terms the effective date is deferred.

Ordinances shall be signed by the Mayor and shall be immediately taken charge of by the Town Recorder, numbered, placed in an ordinance book, and there authenticated by the signature of the Town Recorder and filed and preserved.

Any form of board action shall be passed by a majority of the members present, if there is a quorum.

SECTION 6. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Mason. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 6.